AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-61 (Cancelled)

Claim 62 (New): A method for conveying resistance to beet necrotic yellow vein virus (BNYVV) to a sugar beet plant, comprising:

preparing a DNA fragment that corresponds to nucleotides 153 to 3258 of RNA1 of said virus, wherein said nucleotides 153 to 3258 of RNA1 represent a 3' truncated sequence of BNYVV;

introducing said DNA fragment, operatively linked to a promoter that is active in sugar beet plants, into a sugar beet plant cell to obtain a transformed sugar beet cell; and

regenerating a transgenic sugar beet plant from the transformed sugar beet plant cell.

Claim 63 (New): The method of claim 62, wherein the fragment is introduced into the cell by means of a DNA vector comprising said DNA fragment and transcription and translation regulatory sequences operably linked therewith.

Claim 64 (New): A transformation vector for conveying resistance to BNYVV to a plant, comprising a DNA fragment consisting of a DNA fragment that corresponds to nucleotides 153 to 3258 of RNA1 of said virus, and transcription and translation regulatory sequences operably linked therewith, wherein said nucleotides 153 to 3258 of RNA1 represent a 3' truncated sequence of BNYVV.

Claim 65 (New): A transgenic plant cell, exhibiting resistance to BNYVV, comprising in its genome at least two copies of a DNA fragment comprising RNA1 of said virus.

Claim 66 (New): The transgenic plant cell of claim 65, wherein said DNA fragment corresponds to nucleotides 153 to 3258 of RNA1 of said virus, and wherein said nucleotides 153 to 3258 of RNA1 represent a 3' truncated sequence of BNYVV.

Claim 67 (New): The transgenic plant cell of claim 65, wherein said cell is part of a sugar beet plant that is resistant against BNYVV.

Claim 68 (New): A transgenic sugar beet plant exhibiting resistance to BNYVV, comprising plant cells having in their genome at least two copies of a DNA fragment comprising RNA1 of said virus.

Claim 69 (New): The transgenic sugar beet plant of claim 68, wherein said DNA fragment corresponds to nucleotides 153 to 3258 of RNA1 of said virus, and wherein said nucleotides 153 to 3258 of RNA1 represent a 3' truncated sequence of BNYVV.

Claim 70 (New): The transgenic sugar beet plant of claim 68, wherein progeny of the transgenic sugar beet plant exhibit resistance to BNYVV.

Claim 71 (New): The transgenic sugar beet plant of claim 68, wherein seeds of the transgenic sugar beet plant can be grown into a plant that exhibits resistance to BNYVV.

Claim 72 (New): The transgenic sugar beet plant of claim 68, wherein vegetatively reproducible structures from the transgenic sugar beet plant can be grown into a plant that exhibits resistance to BNYVV.